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SUBJ: TRAINING FOR ROYAL BARBADIAN POLICE OFFICER

1. BARBADIAN POLICE COMMISSIONER REID HAS INFORMED ME HE WOULD LIKE TO SEND ONE OF HIS SENIOR OFFICERS TO US TO ACQUIRE FAMILIARIZATION WITH AMERICAN WEAPONS. LIKE MOST POLICE OFFICERS HERE, OFFICER IN QUESTION HAS BEEN TRAINED IN ENGLAND AND KNOWS ONLY BRITISH WEAPONS. REID INQUIRED WHETHER USG COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO REID'S REQUEST IF POSSIBLE. BARBADIAN POLICE FORCE ENJOYS GOOD LOCAL REPUTATION, AND BOTH REID AND HIS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR (NOW CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK) HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO EMBASSY HERE. IN ADDITION TO ASSISTING GOB, BRINGING POLICE OFFICER TO US FOR STATED PURPOSE MIGHT WELL LEAD TO SALES OF US-MANUFACTURED WEAPONS TO POLICE FORCE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO QUESTION OF MEETING REID'S REQUEST AND INFORM EMBASSY SOONEST.
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